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### NOTES ON RACIAL PROGRESS

Reported by the National Negro Business League.

A Thought for the Week.—“Advertising is governed by no law—controlled by no creed. It is so elusive a thing that the clutches of monopoly have never been able to throttle it. There is so much of it that it knows no limits nor boundaries. It is the greatest of all commercial forces, and yet all that is positively known about it can be told in a few words. One thing actually known is this: Every form of advertising is good for somebody and some forms are good for everybody.”—Bert M. Moses in Advertising and Selling.

The local Negro Business League and the Civic Improvement Society of Rentiesville, Oklahoma, are co-operating in promoting a County Fair.

The Amsterdam News of New York City has inaugurated a unique service for its readers. They are co-operating with certain local organizations to assist skilled Colored mechanics to obtain employment.

The Citizens' Commercial League of Beaumont, Texas, was recently organized to stimulate the trade of the Negro merchants now in business and to encourage the establishment of more enterprises. Later on they plan to affiliate with the National Negro Business League.

Major R. R. Moton of Hampton Institute and a party of distinguished educators are touring the State of Virginia in the interest of the Negro Organization Society.

One hundred and thirty-five Colored families of Evansville, Indiana, competed in a recent contest held in that city for the most beautiful front yards and the best home gardens. Although this is an annual event in Evansville, the Colored people have never before participated. Mr. Logan H. Stewart, president of the Evansville Local League, says interest in the contest was stimulated by the National Negro Health Week conducted last spring.

The Local League in Action—On Sunday afternoon, September 26th, the Local Negro Business League of Columbia, South Carolina, held a mass meeting to stimulate interest in the League's work and to hear reports of the Boston meeting from Mrs. L. J. Rhodes, Superintendent of the Good Samaritan Hospital, and Mr. I. S. Leevy, the successful merchant tailor. The published announcement of this meeting says:

The last Census gave use as a Negro population of more than twenty-nine thousand in Richland County—a little more than half the population. The money spent by this host of individuals for food and clothing yields a substantial profit and if Negro merchants were sufficiently established to take care of this business, it would enable them to enlarge their stores and employ many more of our young men and women as clerks, bookkeepers, stenographers, etc. In addition to this, it would enable the members of the race in this community to do more for the education of the youth, to build better homes, to elevate their standards of living and to do more for churches, schools and charitable institutions.

### THE COLOR LINE DRAWN BY ANOTHER HYDE PARK THEATRE.

Mrs. Bertha Smith and Mrs. Alice Adams went to the Harper's Theatre on 53rd St. Monday evening, where they have the first and second balcony, these ladies went early, so as to get a good seat and found only at that time four persons in the first balcony, the general admission is 10c which they had paid. But the usher requested them, without saying anything to the other four (White) persons who were sitting there, to the second balcony, they refused to do so and went to the box office and demanded their money back, and left. The usher said he was sorry but he had his orders, and he had to do it. It was the orders of the management. The house being under new management. It seems to us, that it is a crime for a child to be born Black in this country from the treatment we are receiving at the hands of men and women who think more of the dollar, than they do of their rights toward their neighbor.

### CONCERNING COCKROACHES.

Cockroaches are an unmitigated household pest as all good housewives will agree. It will be accepted without argument that they are the commonest as well as the most offensive of the many kinds of insects that infest human habitations. Also it is now pretty well understood that they are dangerous as carriers of disease.

Cockroaches, the kind we all are familiar with, belong to a very large family, most of which fortunately have not become domesticated. The English call them “black beetles”; but the two kinds most familiar to American housewives are the big brown fellows and the little German roach, called in New York City the “Croton water bug.” But outside of these two familiar types it is estimated that nearly 5,000 species of this big family have been described and preserved in collections in different parts of the world.

Roaches, as is well known, infest pantries and kitchens and have a special liking it seems for the oven rooms of bakeries, on account of the warmth, and from which they can always find the best of foraging grounds. In dwellings they conceal themselves during the day behind baseboards, cracks in the floors and walls and other convenient hiding places.

The domestic roaches are practically omnivorous, that is they will feed on almost any dead animal matter, food-stuffs, such as bread, cake, pies and cereal products of every kind. It is also asserted that they will eat their own cast off skins and egg cases and that they attack and eat other species of roaches. They also eat or gnaw wooleens and leather and frequently do much damage to book bindings. They are especially fond of the paste or sizing in cloth bound books; also of sea biscuits, entire supplies of which, it is recorded, have been ruined or almost wholly devoured by roaches.

But the damage done by roaches is by no means confined to the amount of foods they consume, but is found in the fact that they pollute and render nauseous and dangerous everything in the line of human food, everything with which they come in contact. As is well known, wherever roaches run in large numbers, they create a fetid, sickening odor which clings persistently to pantry and kitchen shelves and furnishings and which can only be removed by a thorough cleansing with soap and boiling water. According to a bulletin, issued by the Bureau of Entomology of the U. S. Department of Agriculture, this odor comes partly from the excrement, but chiefly is due to a dark colored fluid exuded from the mouth of the insect, with which it stains its runways, and also in part from the scent glands which secrete an oily liquid, which possesses a very characteristic and disagreeable odor.

One of the simplest and most effective means of ridding premises of cockroaches is that of dusting their runways with commercial sodium fluorid, mixed in equal parts with flour. Numerous tests with this agency have been made by the Bureau of Entomology of the U. S. Department of Agriculture in bakeries, lunch rooms and milk depots and with satisfactory results.

A good way to apply the mixture of sodium fluorid and flour is with a dust gun or powder blower, which can be purchased at any drug store. The mixture should be thoroughly dusted over the shelves, tables, floors and runways. The immediate effect will be noticed that the insects will come out of their hiding places and after rushing about in a frantic manner for a time they become paralyzed and soon die. The dead or paralyzed roaches may then be swept up and burned. As a rule premises can be ridden of roaches by this method in twenty-four hours. The government experts are of the opinion that the sodium fluorid acts as a contact insecticide and as a stomach poison. Also it has been found that it will kill caterpillars that have fed on foliage, that has been dusted with the same mixture.

# Charles E. Stump, the Kansas Farmer Newspaper Man, Visited the A. M. E. Conference at St. Joseph, Missouri Where He Met Bishop and Mrs. Parks and He Is Loud in Sounding Their Praises

HE ATTENDED THE SESSIONS OF THE BAPTIST CONVENTION AT LAWRENCE, KANSAS, AND THE NEXT ISSUE OF THIS PAPER WILL CONTAIN SOME OF HIS OBSERVATIONS ON THE CONDUCT OF THE BAPTIST BRETHREN AND THE PEOPLE OF THAT SECTION OF THE COUNTRY IN GENERAL.

HE SETS FORTH HIS IMPRESSION OF THE TWENTIETH ANNIVERSARY EDITION OF THE BROAD AX AND STATES THAT IT WAS AN INTERESTING NUMBER.

Lawrence, Kans.—It was just like the day when I got religion when I saw your paper with my name in it. It was a great thing to me, and I know other people were proud to see me in there because it looked so good. I wonder if all men who write for papers feel like I did when I saw my name.

I don't think I will ever go back to the farm now, but will just go around getting my name in the paper. I may leave Kansas, although I do not see how I am going to live. I have saved a little money, but with it all going out and little coming in it will soon be empty. But then it is worth something to get in print.

I had the pleasure of meeting Bishop H. Blanton Parks, who lives in Chicago, Ill. He is out in this part of the country presiding over conferences. He is one of the best preachers and presiding officers I have ever met since. I have been a member of this race, yet I have never passed for any other race yet, and if I should I will let you know about it. I have been satisfied to be with your people and mine.

But I must not forget to tell about Bishop Parks, for they tell me you must not forget things if you are going to be a reporter. Bishop Parks has made many friends in this part of the country, and he is now doing what the boys would call making a “home run.” This year will close up his work in this section as a bishop unless the general conference sends him back for another four years. He has accomplished much. He is loved. I wish that he lived out here in Kansas for we need a few men like that in this section of the country.

Bishop Parks is accompanied by his wife, and she is some worker herself. She has just gone right into the hearts of her people in this country. They can all reach her and she is a friend to every woman in the district, and is so motherly to the young women. Mrs. Parks is a woman who will go out of her way any time to reach and help a young woman, and for this she is praised by the world. She has made some good common sense talks to the women of the district and each time received an ovation. I remember when she lived in Kansas City, and then I think of the three girls. I regretted much to learn of the death of one of them.

I talked with Mrs. Parks, and told her about my visit to Chicago, and the big convention, and about some of the people I met. She was not in Chicago, but was with Bishop Parks holding his conferences, and I could not blame her. He is a great man and she was proud of his work in the West.

I accepted an invitation to go to the North Missouri conference and see it through. I went over there, and saw them when the meeting was called to order. Rev. C. S. Bowman, D. D. of Liberty, preached the sermon. It was fine. It is wonderful how these preachers living so far apart can get the same thoughts. It is the Lord's plans; and we must not have anything to say about it. For the Lord can make a dozen men think the same thing at the same time. So that the man who lived some years ago and died, no doubt is in the spirit world, and you must not be surprised to note that he is no more, but there is a man thinking just like him.

Is it any body's business about the thought of men? I should say not. Reaching St. Joseph at night, I was introduced to the pastor, Rev. N. C. Burden, D. D., by Bishop Parks, and he assigned me to stop with Mr. and Mrs. St. Clair Beard. They came to the place from Chicago. He was a mail totor in Chicago and exchanged with a man. He has purchased a nice

home, and is still totor mail. He is one of the old Chicago men.

Mrs. M. Beard, has invented something that will make hair grow. She is just kept busy all the time, because hair has something to do with the beauty of women, and she is using it to some great big result. She can make hair herself and those whose hair has passed beyond redemption, she just makes some for them. She is indeed a busy woman. I am sure the people of Chicago will be pleased to hear of their success along any line.

The delegates were elected to general conference, and resolutions were passed by which Rev. J. C. Caldwell was nominated for the episcopacy. The delegates elected were Revs. P. C. Crews, M. S. Bryant, N. C. Buren and J. W. Cross. They will have something to say about the next business of the church.

Every session was full of interest. Rev. R. C. Ransom, D. D. was there representing the A. M. E. Church Review, of which he is editor. He is taking care of himself in it. I was so proud to have the pleasure of seeing him and being with him in the convention. I shook hands and he treated me like I was one of the big men. Does being a reporter bring you up to these big people like that? I am sorry that I did not meet you long ago Mr. Editor. You can have my time.

I remained until the conference closed. Heard a lecture by Mr. Stewart from Chicago Saturday night. I talked with him and he told me much about this reporting business. I will not tell you all he told me, but I will try to use some of the things. Rev. E. R. Vaughn preached Sunday morning, and the appointments were read out Sunday night.

I have read your anniversary number with much pleasure. It had some good pictures in it. Dr. Booker T. Washington; Dr. George C. Hall, Major R. R. Jackson; Oscar De Priest, Charles E. Morrison; Rodger M. Woodfork; Richard Hill, Jr.; Rev. Father J. B. Massiah; Dr. Thomas S. Officer, Dr. W. A. Driver, George J. Terrell, Alonzo J. Bowling, W. B. Clark, Oscar Javord Buckner; Frank L. Hamilton, J. N. Higginbotham, A. L. Williams, Rev. J. C. Anderson; A. J. Nimrod. They helped to make the paper look well. Some day I will get my picture in the paper.

I am now in Lawrence attending the session of the Baptist convention here. You may expect to hear from me again soon.

CHARLES E. STUMP.

### UHLIR LECTURES COLORED HOUSE MEMBER IN COURT.

Judge Says He's Tired of Persons Appearing “to Get Arrested People Out of Trouble.”

Judge Uhlir had a few things to say to State Representative S. B. Turner, Colored, Thursday, on the subject of getting people out of trouble.

Mrs. Sophie Turner, also Colored, appeared to ask leniency for her son, held on a minor charge. He was released, but later, however, Mrs. Turner said she had agreed to pay the politician \$35, to obtain which she had been compelled to mortgage her furniture.

Turner declared the \$35 was to pay a fine, if there should be any, and Mrs. Turner admitted her \$35 had been returned.

Whereupon Judge Uhlir said: “I don't want any one coming into my court getting people off and charging for it. Girls have told me that you can get them out any time they are arrested.”

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Editor.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 6th day of October, 1915.

[Seal.]

MICHAEL J. O'MALLEY,

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### SECOND ANNIVERSARY OF THE LOUISE TRAINING SCHOOL FOR COLORED BOYS.

The program of the Anniversary. We will celebrate the second Anniversary of the Louise Training School for Colored boys, at 3:30; Inspection of the Home at 4 o'clock. The Boys Military Drill at 6 o'clock. Light luncheon served.

Speakers of the evening, as follows: Mr. W. F. Reynolds, “Invocation”; Mrs. Delia Carey, Supt. of Home and Aid Society; Judge Pinckney, Jr., Juvenile Court; Miss Cora Cavend, Principal of Copernicus School; Dr. Daniel Williams; Rev. Wilson, Pastor of St. John's A. M. E. Church; Mr. Wm. Mooney, Attorney for 49th General Assembly; Instrumental Solo, Miss Veldella Casel; Music by Entire House band, Mr. Edward Smith, Director; Julius F. Bunnfield, Neighborhood Speaker; Mr. L. L. Stone, Master of Ceremonies, Sec'y Boys Dept. Y. M. C. A.; Report of the Year's work by the Supt., Mrs. Elizabeth McDonald.

Silver Offering will be received. We extend a cordial invitation to everyone.

### THE NEGRO FELLOWSHIP LEAGUE.

The Negro Fellowship League has planned a meeting the coming Sunday, October 10, 1915, for the consideration of the Campbell case. All interested are urged to help raise funds for this unfortunate man and also urged to be present. This case has been set for trial October 28, and not a cent has been raised to assist in the necessary expenses, save a few dollars contributed by the League and twenty dollars by the Colored people of Joliet. Mr. F. L. Barnett, who has charge of the case will make the principal address.

Last Sunday the meeting was well attended. A much earnest discussion pro and con was held over the question. “Whether the Lincoln Jubilee Exposition really portrayed the progress of the race.” Six new members were added. Three Colored boys were taken care of by the League the past week, and arrangements have been planned to send one who is penniless to Mobile, Alabama to his people. The total attendance of the League the past week has been one hundred. Three jobs have been found.

MRS. IDA B. WELLS-BARNETT, Pres.

### EVIDENCES OF NEGRO PROGRESS.

Fifteen years ago the National Negro Business League was started in Boston. There were many who scouted the idea. Since then the progress of the Negro in business, as in all walks of life, has been phenomenal. Let the facts tell the story: In 1900 there were 20,000 Negro business enterprises; in 1915, over 45,000. In 1900, Negroes operated two banks; 1915, over 50. In 1900 there were 10,000 Negro retail merchants; 1915, over 25,000. Negro farm property during 15 years has advanced in value by leaps and bounds. Value of domestic animals has increased from \$85,000,000 to \$177,000,000; poultry, \$3,800,000 to \$5,000,000; implements and machinery, \$18,500,000 to \$36,800,000; land and buildings, \$69,600,000 to \$273,500,000. These figures are simply given in round numbers. What is more significant is the fact that the percentages of increase are extraordinarily high, ranging from 36 per cent to 293 per cent.

### HAITIAN MARRIES A VIRGINIA WHITE GIRL.

Baltimore, Md., Special to The Broad Ax.—Maryland's law against the marrying of persons of African and Caucasian descent evidently does not apply to foreigners. This is evidenced by the fact that Maurice Menos, son of Solon Menos, a Black man, the Haitian minister to the United States, was married in Baltimore, to Miss Lillian Burgess, of Oulpepper, Va., but recently attending a business college in Washington, where she met young Menos. A white Presbyterian minister united the pair in the presence of a group of white friends and relatives.

### NEGRO COLONY PLAN FAILS; SURVIVORS OF CREW IN U. S.

Eighteen Sailors of Ship, Carrying Colored People to Africa and Held by British, Arrive in New York.

New York, Oct. 8.—Special to The Broad Ax.—With the arrival here tonight on the steamer Norseman from Liverpool of eighteen distressed Americans, forming what was left of the crew of the British steamer Liberia, a dramatic chapter was written into a colonization scheme, headed by Alfred Charles Sam, said to be chief of an African tribe, to transport Negroes from the United States to the west coast of Africa.

The project, as described by Sam, was to enable Negroes to go to West Africa, join a colony, and live in comparative luxury.

The Liberia, financed, it was said, by Negroes, left Portland, Me., in May and, after stopping at Norfolk, Va., proceeded to Galveston, Tex., where it was reported to have taken on forty Negroes and started on its voyage to the west coast of Africa.

At Anamabu, on the African coast, the Liberia was seized by British authorities, as the owner was a British subject. While there the crew was stricken by fever and removed to a hospital. After their recovery they were discharged. They then went to Liverpool, whence they were sent home as consular passengers.

### THE WEBER COMPANY, THE UP-TO-DATE TAILORS.

The Weber Company the up-to-date merchant tailors at 27 West Washington street, bank floor, Max Weber, manager, make to order all kinds of fine clothes which they will turn over to their regular customers on easy payments, see their ad in another column of this paper.

### THE CHICAGO GUARDS AND UNITED STATES BOY SCOUTS WILL LISTEN TO THEIR ANNUAL SERMON.

Sunday, October 17, at 3 P. M. the Chicago Guards and the United States Boy Scouts, will attend and listen to their annual sermon at the original Providence Baptist Church, Walnut and Leavitt streets.

The band will be under the direction of Prof. W. W. Williams. It is expected to be a great day for the members of the above organization.

### OLD SLAVE IN HIGH SCHOOL.

Martha Washington, 72 Resolves to Win Diploma on Merit.

Cincinnati, Ohio.—Martha Washington, aged seventy-two, a former slave, has been enrolled in the West Night High School here. She has been attending the evening classes from the first year they have been organized, fifteen years ago, and says she will not quit until she has been awarded a diploma on merit.

The superintendent says one for persistency will be given to her if not for anything else.

### IT'S A LONG WAIT TO WAIT TILL MONDAY.

It's a long wait to wait till Monday It's a long wait for me We can't touch it at all on Sunday For he made it dry you see Good bye Tom and Jerry Farewell Rock and Rye It's a long long wait to wait till Monday For Sunday is dry.

“BIG BILL”

Henry Teenan Jones, 3445 S. State street, A. F. Codozoe and J. H. Whitson, 3030 S. State street; David McGowan, 3022 S. State street; Joseph Dunn, and George Hight, 5050 S. State street; Thomas Cole and H. C. Catlin, of the C. C. Hotel, were all very much surprised at the Sunday closing hubbub, but they will all endeavor to adjust themselves and their places of business, to the new order of things and their Buffets and Cafes will close up as tight as a drum promptly at 12 o'clock, this coming Saturday evening and will remain closed until Monday morning.